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In the claims:

Please amend the claims as shown below:

1. (Original) A method for preventing insects from entering
5 an opening of a beverage can, comprising:
providing a beverage can (16) having a lever member (30) with
a handle member (32) and an engaging member (34) attached to a
top surface (12) of the beverage can (16), a cover member (10)
placed on top of top surface (12) so that a protection area
10 (27) is placed above a weakened segment (36) of the top
surface (12) and an inner opening segment (24) is placed below
the engaging member (34), the protection area (27) having a
plurality of elongate apertures (28) defined therein;
with the protecting area (27) and the apertures (28) placed on
15 top of the weakened segment (36), lifting the handle member
(32) to move the engaging member (34) through the inner
opening segment (24) to engage the weakened segment (36); and
pushing a portion of the weakened segment (36) into the
beverage can (16) and creating an opening (38) disposed below
20 the protection area (27) and the elongate apertures (28).

2. (Original) The method according to claim 1 wherein the
method further comprises adhering the cover member (10) to the
top surface (12).

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3. (Original) The method according to claim 1 wherein the

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method further comprises providing the cover member 10 with outer ends (19, 21).

4. (Original) The method according to claim 1 wherein the
5 method further comprises providing the cover member (10) with an opening (20) that has a shape that is similar to a shape of the lever member (30).

5. (Original) The method according to claim 1 wherein the
10 method further comprises moving an outer end (31) immediately adjacent to an inner edge (29) of the cover member (10).

6. (Original) The method according to claim 1 wherein the
method further comprises separating the protecting area (27)
15 from the weakened segment (36) when the weakened segment (36) is pushed into the can by the engaging portion (34).